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WILL VOTE ON TREATIES

Program Is Arranged Which Will
Hasten the End of the Pres-
ent Session.

COMPROMISE WITH MINORITY

Only Opposition Is From Sena-
tors Representing the Sugar
States and This Will Be
Easily Overcome.

Washington, March 12.—There were important developments today regarding the treaties now pending in the senate. It was decided to vote on the Panama canal treaty next Tuesday and the Cuban reciprocity treaty was reported to the senate by the committee on foreign relations. An end of the work for which the extra session was called is therefore in sight.

The terms have been made satisfactorily to Senator Morgan before a request to fix a day for a vote on the treaty. The Cuban treaty with various amendments, agreed on by the committee on foreign relations, was then reported by Cullom. The amendments made include, in addition to those of the last session, a provision requiring the approval of the house of representatives to make the treaty effective. With the adoption of this amendment democrats as a body will probably cease opposition to the Cuban treaty, but some of them, the sugar interests of whose states are affected by the treaty, will continue to oppose it. The republican side of the senate will vote half a day for the treaty and it is now generally believed that it will be ratified after the action on the Panama canal treaty.

The democrats will unite in pressing some amendments but if they should be voted down, as seems likely, a number of democrats will vote for the ratification of the treaty. The program made today leads many senators to predict adjournment by the close of next week. The action of the committee on commerce in postponing the vote of Doctor Crum's nomination, which also took place today, is generally accepted as disposing of that matter for this session.

MIDSHIPMEN APPOINTED

Washington, March 12.—The president designated the following to be midshipmen at large at the naval academy: R. E. Sampson, son late Admiral Sampson; J. W. Phillips, son late Rear Admiral Phillips; Alfred H. Miles, son late Lieutenant C. H. Miles; U. S. N. R. King, son Brigadier-General A. S. King; Sloan Dianehow, son late Lieutenant J. W. Dianehow; U. S. N.

THE COLUMBIA REACHES PORT

Mystery Still Surrounds Unknown
Vessel Alleged to Have
Been Lost.

San Francisco, March 12.—Great mystery attaches to the disappearance and identity of a steamer which is reported to have sent up signals of distress off Point Reyes last night, and which suddenly disappeared as if swallowed up by the sea. Just before her disappearance, the observers say, the steam siren of the distressed vessel sounded three long blasts, and lanterns were swung on the port side in a frantic manner, indicating the great excitement which must have prevailed on board the vessel. To the watchers at the Point Reyes lighthouse it looked as if those on board were preparing to disembark. Captain Jorgensen, of the lighthouse, ordered his crew to get a lifeboat ready, and with his men launched the boat and spent several hours cruising in the vicinity of the spot where the ship was supposed to have gone down, but nothing to indicate that a vessel had gone to the bottom was found, and the search was given up.

Scarcely had the Defiance returned before the lookout at Point Reyes signaled that the steamer Columbia was approaching this harbor. She has since arrived, and her commander saw nothing of any wreckage or any other indications that a vessel had gone to the bottom.

Observer Thomas of the weather bureau station at Point Reyes, who was the first to report the sudden disappearance of the vessel last night, after blowing three blasts and firing a rocket, is accounted as the most reliable authority among all captains

and shipowners, but many of them are of the opinion that in this instance he mistook the meaning of the ship's whistling and signals.

PACKING HOUSE FOR PORTLAND

Swift & Company to Make Head-
quarters in Metropolis.

(Special to The Astorian.)

Portland, March 12.—After three months' careful investigation of the field, Swift & Co. of Omaha and Kansas City, have decided to enter the northwest. It is their intention to establish a fully equipped packing plant and stockyards either in Portland or on Puget sound. All indications point to Portland as the headquarters of their operations, with a subsidiary plant in Seattle, under the charge of Charles H. Frye, of the Frye-Bruhn company. The O. R. & N. Co. is back of the deal.

The first representatives of Swift & Co. came here before Christmas. Traveling Agent Iley and Manager Patterson of the South Omaha packing department were first on the ground. The former ended a two-years' trip around the world by spending five weeks in this city. While here he went thoroughly over the ground, inspected the four local packing houses—M. J. Gill company, Union Meat company, Adams Bros. and Northwestern Meat company, and the concerns of Armour, Cudahy and Sinclair. Manager Patterson joined him here, and from their reports Swift & Co. decided to examine the field further.

Last week J. L. Yokum, manager of the Seattle house, was in the city looking over the ground. Before he left, Saturday night, he received a telegram from Louis Swift telling him to hold himself in readiness to meet him. J. A. Hawkinson, manager of the Kansas City branch, was also here and left Monday night for Seattle, via Tacoma.

Yesterday morning Louis F. Swift arrived in Portland, in company with Leroy Hough, president of the Western Packing company, a San Francisco concern controlled by Swift & Co.

TO INVESTIGATE THE ARID LANDS

IRRIGATION PROJECTS OF GOV-
ERNMENT TO BE INSPECT-
ED BY OFFICIALS.

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 12.—Representative Reader of Kansas, accompanied by Chief Hydrographer Newell and other officials of the geological survey will shortly make a tour of the arid and semi-arid states and will spend two months in the field. The numerous projects to be developed by the national government will be investigated.

Colorado will be the first state visited. From there the party will go to Utah and investigate the Bear Lake project thence to the Snake river in Idaho, the Milk river, Montana, thence to the Umatilla enterprise in Oregon and back to this state.

CONDEMNED MAY ESCAPE HANGING

Young Man Accused of Murdering
Family Is Accorded Public
Sympathy.

New Orleans, March 12.—The second trial of A. E. Batson, the young Missouri farm hand, charged with the murder of seven members of the Earl family, near Welch, La., is in progress at Lake Charles. Most of the witnesses who appeared on the first trial testified yesterday and today. Their evidence against the accused man has been considerably modified. There has been considerable change of public sentiment at Lake Charles, and the element of doubt which was ignored before has taken a firm hold on the minds of the public. Opinions expressed on the street are that if Batson does not escape altogether he will be convicted of murder without capital punishment.

JUSTICE DAY IS VERY ILL AND MAY NOT RECOVER

Washington, March 12.—Justice Day of the supreme court, is suffering from a moderately severe attack of pneumonia, and his friends are very apprehensive concerning his condition. His temperature today was very high, running up to 103. He is not a man of robust physique but on the contrary is of frail appearance, and it is feared he may be unable to withstand a severe attack of illness.

MAY PRAY AS THEY PLEASE

Czar of the Russias Decrees Re-
ligious Liberty to All of
His Subjects.

WILL MAKE LIFE MUCH BETTER

Ruler Entering Upon System of
Reforms Throughout His
Domains That Will
Be Beneficial

St. Petersburg, March 12.—The czar has issued a decree providing for freedom of religion throughout his dominions, and establishing to some degree local self-government, and making other concessions to the village committees. After referring to the efforts of his predecessors, particularly his father, to add to the welfare of the Russian people, the czar announces his decision to grant freedom of religion to all of his subjects who profess nonorthodox creeds, and to improve the conditions of village life and those of the local nobility and peasantry.

Among the measures outlined by the czar for the attainment of these ends is reform in the rural laws, which is to be effected with the advice of persons who possess the confidence of the people. The system of administration in the various governments and districts is to be examined by representatives of the different localities concerned with a view to effecting the necessary amendments. Measures are also to be taken to relieve the peasantry of the burdens of forced labor.

The decree, which was issued in commemoration of the anniversary of the birthday of Alexander III, is considered to be the most significant act of state since the emancipation of the serfs. The public hail it as the proclamation of a new era, opening up bright prospects of the early improvement of Russian internal administration.

QUARRELED FOR BENSON REWARD

Olympia, Wash., March 12.—The quarrel among the loggers who apprehended Chris Benson, the murderer of Jailer David Morrell, for the \$500 reward offered by the state and county, has been settled by a written agreement. By the terms of this agreement I. T. Carter, Albert Rose, H. Rohr and Will Burdick are to receive \$150 each. These are the men who located Benson and held him in the deserted cabin on the site of Allen's mill, two miles west of this city. Sheriff Mills, Police Officer Faylor and Perry Hubbard made the arrest. The sheriff and police officer claim no reward under the law, and Hubbard waived his claim if the loggers would settle the question among themselves. They have each signed a statement agreeing to the above conditions.

JOHN BULL MUST ASK BROTHER JOHNATHAN

WHITAKER WRIGHT IS AN AMER-
ICAN, SO ENGLAND MUST
LOOK A LITTLE OUT.

London, March 12.—According to a financial paper, Whitaker Wright, the director of the London & Globe Finance corporation, Ltd., for whose arrest a warrant was issued yesterday, secured American citizenship while engaged in business enterprises in Philadelphia and elsewhere.

Those who are interested in the prosecution tell the Associated Press that this is the first they have heard of Wright being an American citizen, although they knew he went to America as a young man. Wright is believed to have been born in Cheshire, England. It is pointed out that providing Wright proved his American citizenship his extradition could not be secured by the British government without the consent of the United States state department. Wright is said to be in Egypt.

WE STOLE THEIR WATER

Indian Students Petition President for
San Carlos Dam.

Tucson, Ariz., March 12.—For years the Pima Indians have been pleading for water for the lands they cultivated for centuries before the whites came to Arizona. There are 7000 in the tribe who were self-supporting and many

grew rich, but now depend upon the government. They are anxious to have the San Carlos dam built. Yesterday 123 Pima students subscribed to the following petition and forwarded it to President Roosevelt:

"We, the undersigned Pima and Papago pupils of Tucson Indian industrial school, would respectfully call the attention of the president of the United States to the need of our people for water to irrigate the fields. The construction of the San Carlos reservoir would provide the needed water. When we go home from school we are anxious to work and earn an honest living. We want tools to practice the things that we are learning in the school. Our fathers and our grandfathers were farmers and before their water was taken from them they were prosperous and happy. We want to remain self-supporting and not become a burden to the government. The construction of the San Carlos reservoir would afford immediate relief for our people and they are now ready to work upon the dam. They would thus earn their own living."

FULTON IS DINED BY PRESIDENT

Washington, March 12.—The president entertained a number of gentlemen at dinner at the White House tonight, including the following:
Secretary Hitchcock, Senators Fulton, Aldrich, Spooner, Beveridge, Hepburn, Ball, Allee, Gorham, Overman, McCreary and Stone, and Commissioner Richards of the land office.

Bunch of Chinamen Arrested.

Boise, March 12.—Inspector Hampton arrested nine more Chinamen last night on the charge of being illegally in this country. Some of these have been here for many years, but have never secured papers.

WRECKED OFF COLUMBIA

Crew Were in the Water for Fifty-
Six Hours and All Had
Narrow Escape.

ASTORIA THE NEAREST PORT

Only One Man Was Lost, the
Others Being Picked Up
and Taken Back to
Seattle.

Seattle, March 12.—The fishing and sealing schooner George W. Prescott, of Victoria, was capsized and completely wrecked Monday morning, 50 miles off the Columbia river, the nearest port being Astoria. One member of the crew, an Indian, was lost. The entire crew had a narrow escape from death.

News of the accident reached Seattle this morning on the arrival of the steamer Montara, from San Francisco. The Montara picked up the crew and brought them to Seattle. For more than 48 hours the Prescott and his crew floundered in the waves. Frequently they were washed overboard. Finally they were compelled to tie themselves to the deck and await assistance. For 56 hours they were drenched to the skin, went without food and every minute expected to be dashed to pieces. The Montara was sighted yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. The crew was taken aboard. They consisted of four white men and 15 Indians, under command of Captain Ramlose. Captain Baring, of the Montara, sunk the schooner after the crew was taken off.

The vessel was caught in a heavy cross-sea and was completely overturned. The entire crew was washed overboard, but all save one succeeded in swimming back and clinging to the wreck.

The loss is estimated at \$6000. The Prescott was an old schooner that has seen much service in sealing along the California coast.

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